

Mr. Powell -- I am disgusted by your blatantly partisan decision to allow the film against John Kerry to be aired before an election in which so many more American lives hang in the balance.

No precedent, eh? Why not get a backbone and create one? I know you got your job through family connections, but have some pride and do the right thing.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Your decision is a joke...and not even a thinly veiled one. You bring shame to your position.

Sincerely,